

IN THE CLAIMS

Please **amend** claim 1; **cancel** claims 3-61 without prejudice; and **add** claims 62-73 as shown in the Summary of the Claims section, *infra*.

Support for new claims 62-73 is found in FIGs. 1 and 2.

Claim 1 is amended to more clearly define the subject matter of the invention. To the extent this is a claim narrowing amendment made for reasons of patentability, such amendment is made without the intention of surrendering any equivalents to the subject matter of the amended subject matter.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended). A recording and reproducing device, which includes a light source, focusing means for converging and projecting a laser beam, which was emitted from the light source on a disk, and rotation driving means for rotating the disk,

said recording and reproducing device comprising:

a stabilizing board, provided on a first side of the disk between the disk and the focusing means, which is moved with the focusing means; and

a vertically-oscillating slider, which is disposed on an opposite side of the disk and is facing the stabilizing board, to balance air pressures between the stabilizing board and the disk and between the slider and the disk.

Claim 2 (original). The recording and reproducing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said stabilizing board is transparent.

Claims 3-61 (canceled).

Claim 62 (new). The recording and reproducing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the stabilizing board is supported to oscillate.

Claim 63 (new). The recording and reproducing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the slider has a flat surface facing the disk.

Claim 64 (new). The recording and reproducing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the stabilizing board is fixed to the focusing means via an elastic member having elasticity.

Claim 65 (new). The recording and reproducing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the focusing means is a complex lens which is composed of at least two lenses.

Claim 66 (new). The recording and reproducing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the slider includes a magnetic field generating element for generating a magnetic field.

Claim 67 (new). The recording and reproducing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein a surface of the stabilizing board facing the disk is flat and is parallel to a surface of the disk.

Claim 68 (new). The recording and reproducing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein a surface of the vertically-oscillating slider facing the disk is flat and is parallel to a surface of the disk.

Claim 69 (new). The recording and reproducing device as set forth in claim 67, wherein a surface of the vertically-oscillating slider is flat and is parallel to a surface of the disk.

Claim 70 (new). The recording and reproducing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the focusing means is disposed such that an optical axis of the focusing means passes through the stabilizing board in a direction of thickness at substantially a center of a surface of the stabilizing board facing the disk.

Claim 71 (new). The recording and reproducing device as set forth in claim 67, wherein the focusing means is disposed such that an optical axis of the focusing means passes through the stabilizing board in a direction of thickness at substantially a center of a surface of the stabilizing board facing the disk.

Claim 72 (new). The recording and reproducing device as set forth in claim 68, wherein the focusing means is disposed such that an optical axis of the focusing means passes through the stabilizing board in a direction of thickness at substantially a center of a surface of the stabilizing board facing the disk.

Claim 73 (new). The recording and reproducing device as set forth in claim 69, wherein the focusing means is disposed such that an optical axis of the focusing means passes through the stabilizing board in a direction of thickness at substantially a center of a surface of the stabilizing board facing the disk.